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SUBJECT: FY 1977 COUNTRY IMET ALLOCATION

REF: BOGOTA 11446

1. COMANDER, USMILGP COLOMBIA, AND I ARE CONCERNED
OVER THE DELAY IN RECEIVING AN ANSWER TO REF MESSAGE.
WE NEED TO KNOW AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE THE
RESOLUTION AND STATUS OF FUNDING FOR THE FY-77 IMET
PROGRAM FOR COLOMBIA, INCLUDING THE COUNTRY CEILING
AND FUNDING LEVELS FOR CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS, IN ORDER
TO BUILD A RESPONSIVE AND BALANCED FY-77 PROGRAM.
2. WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH STATE AND DEFENSE REQUESTS
TO GET THE GOC TO BEAR A LARGER SHARE OF THE IMET
PROGRAM, ASKING THEM SPECIFICALLY TO WAIVE IMET-
FUNDED TRAVEL AND LIVING ALLOWANCES IN ORDER TO
STRETCH AVAILABLE IMET FUNDS FOR FY-77 AND BEYOND.
ADDITIONALLY, WE ASKED THEM TO PROVIDE AN INTEGRATED
PRIORITY LISTING WHICH WOULD REFLECT THEIR DESIRES
IF SOME CONUS COURSES HAD TO BE DELETED BECAUSE OF
INSUFFICIENT FUNDS. THEY RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY
AND SHOWED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN THIS
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ENDEAVOR. THE ACTIVE DIALOGUE WHICH THIS MUTUAL

CONCERN GENERATED BETWEEN THE USMILGP AND THE JOINT
GENERAL STAFF HAS NOW GROUND TO A STANDSTILL BECAUSE
WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO TELL THEM HOW MECH MONEY WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR FY-77.

3. NOW 70 DAYS INTO FY-77, ACTIVE CONTROL OF TRAINING
PRIORITIES IS BEING UNDERMINED BY COURSES SCHEDULED
IN THE CONUS FOR JANUARY AND INTO THE SECOND QUARTER.
WE HAVE NO RATIONAL BASIS FOR ACCEPTING, POSTPONING,
OR CANCELLING THESE COURSES. IN EFFECT, THE CALENDAR
IS DICTATING PRIORITIES, AND WE ARE WRITING CHECKS
OUT OF SEQUENCE ON AN ACCOUNT WHOSE TOTAL DOLLAR VALUE
IS UNKNOWN.
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